GARA (SLIDE)

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GUTTARI (LURRRCH)

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SEV-ERAL DAYS LATER

KINKON (DING-DONG)

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SLEEP TIME: ONE HOUR

FURA (STAGGER)

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YEAH... TIME FOR HOMEROOM .....

THREE HOURS

YEAAAH .....

YEAH...

YAWWW

TAKANE, DID YOU GET ENOUGH SLEEP?

HARUKA, THANKS FOR STAYING OVER AT MY PLACE TO HELP...!

ALL RIGHT!

WELL, THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL'S FINALLY UPON US TOMORROW...

YEAH, ABOUT TWELVE HOURS.

GATA (CLATTER)

TAKANE!

HUH?

YOU WANNA SEE THE GAME'S BOSS!?

I'M GONNA MAKE IT FIFTEEN HOURS TONIGHT TO MAKE SURE I'M PREPPED FOR THE BIG DAY.

LOTTA PLAYING TO DO.

WE WERE WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK TO GET THIS DONE, AND SHE SLEPT FOR TWELVE HOURS IN HER OWN BED.

YOU HEAR THAT, HARU-KA...?

YEAH, GREAT, YOU DO THAT.

WE DECIDED TO CALL THE GAME *HEADPHONE ACTOR.*

YOU'RE FIGHTING THESE STUFFED-ANIMAL MONSTERS UNTIL MIDWAY THROUGH, AND...

WAIT A SEC...

IT'S TAKANE V2! SENSEI NAMED HER HIMSELF!!

TA-DAA!!!

WHAT!?

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL? WHY SHOULD I—

YOU COULD'VE AT LEAST CHANGED THE COLORS...

THIS LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE ME!!

SU (SSK)

TAKA-NE?

VERY WELL, MA'AM. I WILL CHANGE THE COLOR PALETTE AT ONCE.

DOON (DOOM)

PRINCI-PAL!

WHAT'S THIS?

A COPY OF THE GAME.

YOU CAN USE THIS FOR PRACTICE.

HERE...

KUWA (CRAWR)

NOW SWEAR TO ME!!

SWEAR YOU WON'T LOSE TO ANYONE UNTIL THE LAST CHAL-LENGER!!!

...IF YOU'RE THAT WORRIED, DO YOU WANNA PLAY A MATCH?

I GOTTA IMPRESS THE PRINCIPAL HERE!

THIS WHOLE THING'S RIDING ON YOUR GAMER SKILLS, GOT THAT!!?

IT'LL BE FINE, SENSEI.

BUT...

45000 LOSE

156000 WIN

CHARARA (DING-A-LING)

KATA (TAPPA)

KATA

KATA

KATA

WOW, HE'S FAST...

CARD-BOARD

SOON WE WERE MAKING STEADY PROGRESS TOWARD THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

WHAT!?

SENSEI CAN'T MAKE IT!? BUT IT'S THE BIG DAY!!

YEAH... HE SAID HE'D TRY TO STOP BY IN THE AFTERNOON, BUT...

GOSO (RUMMAGE) GOSO

WELL... DID YOU FINISH THE GAME AT LEAST!?

WE'RE ALL GOOD THERE.

I DID IT.....

...THE PRINCI-PAL...

...TELL...

PURU (TRMBL)

PURU

YEAH...

BUT HEY, WE MADE IT!

.....

SO... YEAH.

BATAN (FLUMP)

SEN-SEI!!

KYORO (GLANCE)

STILL, THOUGH...

WAKU

WAKU

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WAKU (GIDDY)

I GUESS THIS IS REALLY IT, HUH...?

IT'S KIND OF LIKE A DREAM, ISN'T IT? LIKE, WE ACTUALLY DID THIS...!

YEAH! TURNED OUT PRETTY WELL, DIDN'T IT...!?

GREAT JOB, HARUKA!

WAKU

VUVU (DUNNN)

PLAY

OPTION

HEADPHONE ACTOR

SU (SHP)

YESTERDAY WAS PROBABLY ENOUGH, BUT...

LET ME PRACTICE A LITTLE MORE BEFORE WE OPEN UP...

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HMM?

Y'KNOW, I NOTICED IT PLAYING LAST NIGHT TOO, BUT THIS TITLE SCREEN...

SO THE OBJECT IS, "KILL A HEADPHONED ME AND MY TROOP OF PLUSH BADDIES"?

OR "ACTORS," I GUESS?

OOH!

THAT'S IT! YOU GOT IT!!

I KNOW YOU CHANGED THE COLORS AND ALL, BUT...

THIS "EVIL, PLUSHY-CONTROLLING MASTERMIND" STILL LOOKS JUST LIKE ME...

YEAH! THE BLUE-HAIRED VERSION'S PRETTY CUTE, HUH?

WELL, I MEAN...

...THE PEOPLE WHO PLAY THIS HAVE TO BEAT YOU TO WIN, RIGHT?

SO I FIGURED, IT'D BE NEAT IF THE IN-GAME BOSS LOOKED KIND OF LIKE YOU TOO, TAKANE...

PRETTY COOL TITLE SCREEN, ISN'T—

OOF !!!

POKA (BOP)

THIS IS IN SUCH BAD TASTE!!

ARGH!!

GEEZ, THAT HURT, TAKANE!!

WHY DO I HAVE TO FIGHT AGAINST MYSELF?

BUT EVEN IF I'M WILLING TO IGNORE THIS DESIGN...

CHA (CHK)

...I SHOULD'VE GUESSED IT WOULD NEVER OCCUR TO YOU...

THOUGH I GUESS I FORGOT YOU'D BE PLAYING THE WHOLE TIME TOO, HUH!

AH HA HA!!

WHY'D YOU MAKE THIS GAME SUCH A GORE-FEST?

GUSHA (SPLURCH)

BISHA (SPLAT)

BIKU (FLINCH)

I BORROWED IT FROM THAT GAME YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT!

I FIGURED THAT'S THE KIND OF THING YOU'D LIKE, SO...

THESE CUTE PLUSHIES GETTING GIBBED...

DID WE REALLY NEED THAT...?

OH, THAT WAS, YOU KNOW...

DON (BLAM) DON

BISHA

BECHA (SPLASH)

GUSHA

WHEW.

OH... WELL, ALL RIGHT, THEN...

BUT DON'T YOU THINK ALL THIS BLOOD IS KIND OF A MISMATCH WITH THE THEME?

IT KIND OF PUTS A DAMPER ON THINGS ...

NO, NO, HE DIDN'T TELL ME ANYTHING.

I JUST REMEM-BERED WHAT YOU SAID IN CLASS, SO I DID SOME RESEARCH.

D-DID SENSEI TELL YOU ABOUT THAT!?

IT'S NOT LIKE I REALLY ENJOY ALL THIS GORE OR ANY-THING...

IT...

WHA...!? REALLY?

HAAH... YOU'VE COMPLETELY GOT THE WRONG IDEA ABOUT ME, HARUKA.

PUI (FWIP)

HEH HEH! SORRY ABOUT THAT.

BUT HEY, IF WE'RE MAKING THIS, I WANTED IT TO BE SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE...

.....!!

AT LEAST...

...THAT'S HOW IT IS FOR ME.

YOU PLAY A GAME BECAUSE IT'S FUN TO BE THE HERO...

...RUNNING AROUND THE WORLD WITH NOTHING TO FEAR.

KACHA (TAPPA)

カチャ KACHA

LISTEN...

YOU KNOW WHAT MAKES FOR A GOOD GAME? EXCITE-MENT.

OHH... I SEE.

...WELL...

カチャ KACHA

カチャ KACHA

SO, UH, DOES THAT MEAN...

...THIS GAME...

...ISN'T ANY FUN?

カチャ KACHA

カチャ KACHA

カチャ KACHA

WHEW...

...I GUESS ...

...I KINDA LIKE IT...

.....

.....

Attention, please... The school festival will begin shortly.

WHAT !!?

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OH, UH, YEAH!

ARE WE OKAY WITH THE REST OF THE PREP, HARUKA!?

OH CRAP, AL-READY!?

All classes, follow your planning com-mittee's instruc-tions...

OOH, I'M GETTING NER-VOUS...

WATA

WATA

WATA

GATA (CLATTER)

WATA (PANIC)

...DO YOU REALLY THINK ANYONE WILL ENJOY THIS?

HEY! DON'T FREAK OUT ON ME!

I'M NOT GONNA LOSE TO ANYONE! IT'LL BE TOTALLY FINE!

...WHAT IF THEY DON'T LIKE THE GAME AT ALL...?

GU (GULP)

Y... YEAH...

I KNOW, BUT...

IT'LL BE FINE.

OKAY?

UM...

YOU PUT YOUR HEART AND SOUL INTO THIS GAME, RIGHT?

THEY'RE GONNA LOVE IT!!

I... OKAY.

IT WILL BE OKAY, IT WILL BE OKAY...

KURURI (WHIRL)

GREAT! OKAY, WE'RE STARTING!

O-OKAY!

TELL PEOPLE WHAT WE HAVE IN HERE!

GO STAND OUTSIDE THE DOOR!

PEOPLE WILL BE COMING IN SOON...

...SO, UH...

UH, Y-YEAH...!!

PATAN (SLAM)

ハロー!!

...I HOPE HE'S GONNA BE OKAY...

GAN (BONK)

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OW! OW! OW!

KATAN (CLATTER)

ナヤー!

UM...

GARA (SLIDE)

I CAN'T SEE THEM AGAINST THE GLARE!

UH...

HEY! COME ON IN!

YOU'RE A GIRL? I WAS WONDERING WHO'D BE IN HERE.

UH...

I'D FEEL A LOT BETTER ABOUT BEATING DOWN THE DUDE BY THE DOOR.

SO, UM, IN THIS CLASS, WE'VE MADE A SHOOTING GAME!

IF YOU CAN BEAT ME, WE HAVE A WONDERFUL PRIZE FOR—

HEH.

WE FIGURED WE'D STOP BY OUR FRIEND'S SCHOOL FEST, AND WE HEARD ABOUT THIS COOL GAME BEING SHOWN.

THIS GUY'S REAL GOOD AT SHOOTERS, SO YOU CAN KISS YOUR PRIZES GOOD-BYE, SEE?

カタ KATA (SHAKE)

カタ KATA

UH...

UMM...

CAN'T SAY I'D WANT TO BE IN YOUR SHOES, LADY.

WELL, I'LL DO MY BEST, SO...

SURE, WHAT-EVER.

I'M SURE IT'S JUST THE USUAL CRAPPY, STUPID INDIE GAME ANY-WAY.

OH, UH...

BUT HEY, MAYBE IT'LL TEACH YOU A HARD LESSON ABOUT LIFE, YEAH?

I ALMOST FEEL BAD FOR TAKING ALL YOUR PRIZES SO EARLY ON...

SU (SSK)

YOU EVER HEARD OF *DEAD BULLET -1989-*?

THIS DUDE MADE IT TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINALS ONCE.

HUH.

PIKU (TWITCH)

WELL, YOU HEARD HIM.

THAT GUY SHOWS NO MERCY, YOU KNOW?

DOKA (WHUMP)

A GIRL LIKE YOU DOESN'T STAND A—

EEP!

IF I LOSE HERE, IT'S OVER...

OH...

UH...

SHUT THE DOOR...

TA...

TAKANE...

GOOD LUCK ...!!

I CAN'T AFFORD TO MESS UP.

PATAN (SHUT)

KOKU (NOD)

ZA (ZSH)

DO YOU CARE WHAT DIFFICULTY LEVEL WE USE?

THIS GAME HAS A POINT-BASED SYSTEM.

WHOEVER SHOOTS DOWN THE MOST ENEMIES WINS.

ONE FINAL THING I NEED TO MENTION.

NOW, THEN...

I'M NOT ACCUSING YOU OF ANY-THING, BUT THERE ISN'T ANY FUNNY BUSINESS GOING ON, RIGHT?

OF COURSE NOT.

ACTUALLY, WE COULD CHANGE PLACES IF YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT CHEATING.

IT'S ALL BASED ON POINTS, SO I WON'T COMPLAIN IF YOU BEAT ME EITHER WAY.

NAH.

ALL RIGHT. PER-FECT.

WHAT DO YOU THINK? AS HARD AS YOU GOT IT.

HEY, WAIT A SEC, LITTLE GIRL.

...CER-TAINLY.

BEST OF LUCK, THEN.

THIS IS FINE.

LET'S JUST GET GOING.

GU (GRIP)

DO (BADUM)

DO

SU (SSK)

DO

K.!! Ready

DON (BOOM)

EACH MATCH IN THIS MODE TAKES TWO MINUTES.

BASHU (SPLAT)

IT'S A BLISSFULLY SIMPLE GAME.

YOU JUST SHOOT DOWN ALL THE MONSTERS THAT POP UP.

BUT THAT IS EXACT-LY...

SU (FWIP)

BARARARARARARA (RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT)

VLUVLI (VWOOMP)

DO

DO (BLAM) DO

...WHAT WILL MAKE THE DIFFER-ENCE IN OUR SKILLS SO CLEAR!

DO

DO

DO

DO

HUH...

HUH...

HUH

HUH

ZASHI (SKSH)

SU (SHFF)

I... I NEVER LOSE WITH MY AC GRIP...

HUH

BIIIII (BZZZZT)

THERE'S NOTHING EVEN REMOTELY "STUPID" ABOUT THIS GAME.

HUH!

268000 WIN

114000 LOSE

I...

I... LOST...?

WELL, THAT'S THE END OF THE GAME.

THANKS VERY MUCH FOR PLAYING!

KOTON (KLUNK)

NIKKOOOO (GRINNN)

I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH AN AWESOME GAMER IN PERSON!

HOW'D YOU EVER ...!?

GA (LUNGE)

BIKU (FLINCH)

NO WAY...

HOW COULD I HAVE ...?

...SO IF YOU'D LIKE TO TRY AGAIN, COME BACK IN HALF AN HOUR.

I'M NOT ALLOWED TO PLAY THE SAME COMPETITOR TWICE IN A ROW...

WHO...

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU...?

UM...

IF YOU WOULDN'T MIND?

FLI (GLEAM)

!!...

I JUST PRACTICED REEEAL HARD...

WELL...

PA (FLASH)

YOU KNOW...

AH!

WAIT. ARE YOU...?

OH NO!!

WHICH MEANS...

...WE MUST HAVE SEEN EACH OTHER IN PERSON THERE!

THAT GUY SAID HE MADE THE DEAD BULLET -1989- TOURNAMENT SEMIFINALS...

HE KNOWS MY FACE...!!!

YOU COULDN'T BE...

DANCING FLASH ENE-SAN!!?

THIS COULDN'T GET ANY WORSE...

HE GOT ME

ZA (SKSH)

HEY.

QUIT WALKING SO SLOW.

OOPS!

SORRY, SHINTARO.